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Outline

- **Legacy Networks:**
 - GSM
 - GPRS
 - UMTS
- **System Architecture Evolution**
 - Background & requirements
 - Motivation
 - Basic principles
 - Network elements and high level functions
 - Attach procedure
 - EPC Protocols
- **Architectural enhancements for E-UTRAN and interoperability with 3GPP and non-3GPP accesses**
 - Interoperability Mobility and handover management
 - Policy Control and Charging (PCC)
 - QoS Provisioning
 - Security (Authentication) & its evolution

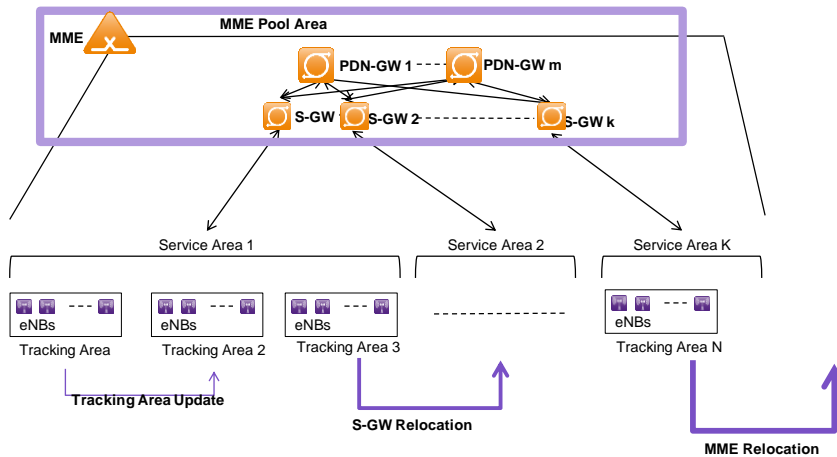
Main References:

- 3GPP Technical Specifications 23.401
- 3GPP Technical Specifications 23.402
- TS 33.401 – LTE Security
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Tracking Areas, Service Areas, & MME Pool Areas



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LTE UE Identifiers

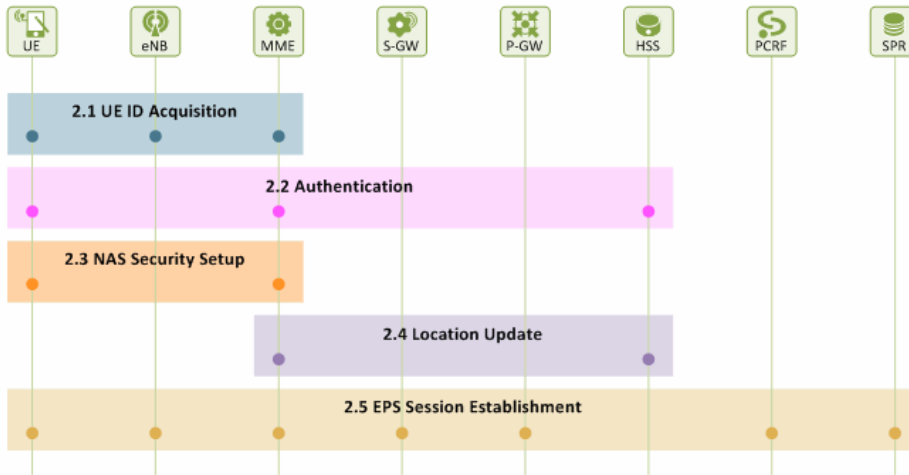
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S-TMSI	System architecture evolution Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity
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Initial Attach

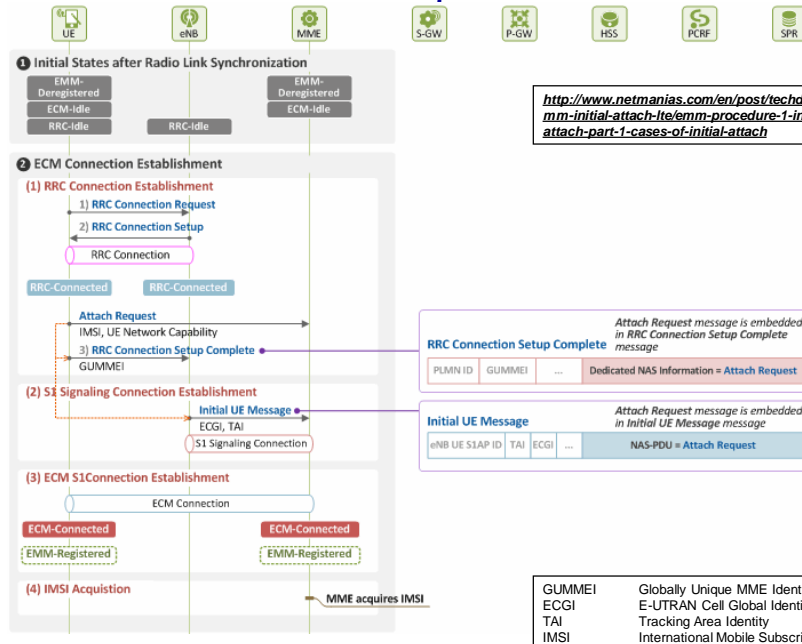


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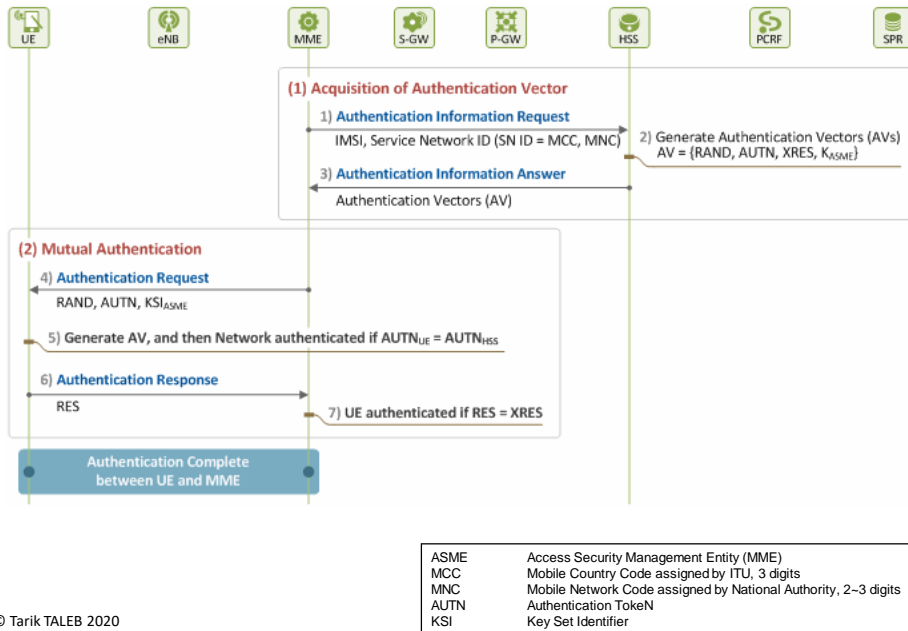
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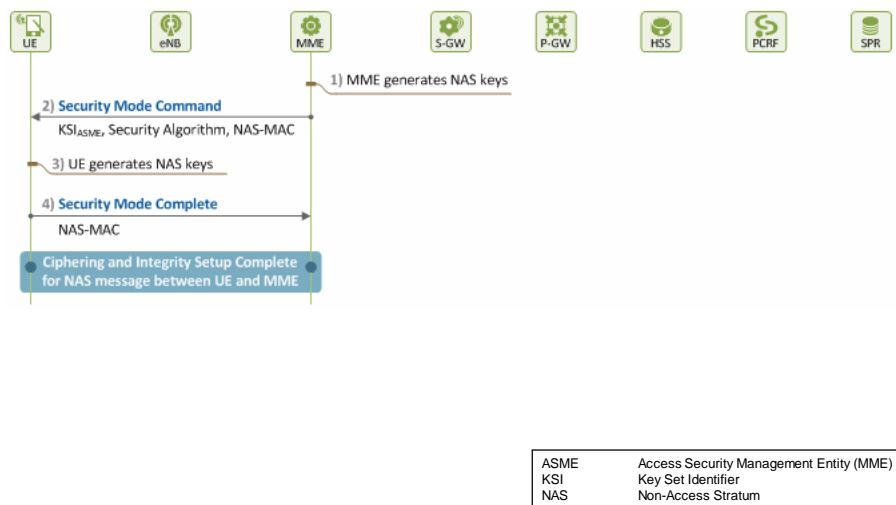
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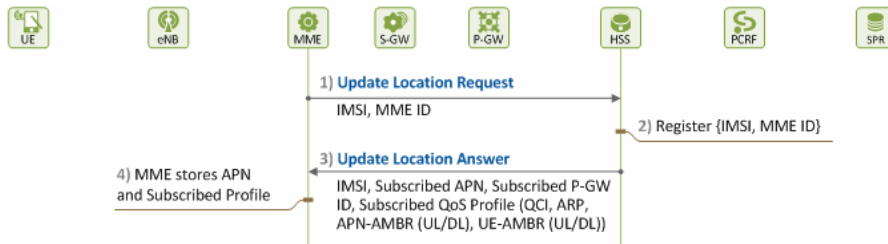
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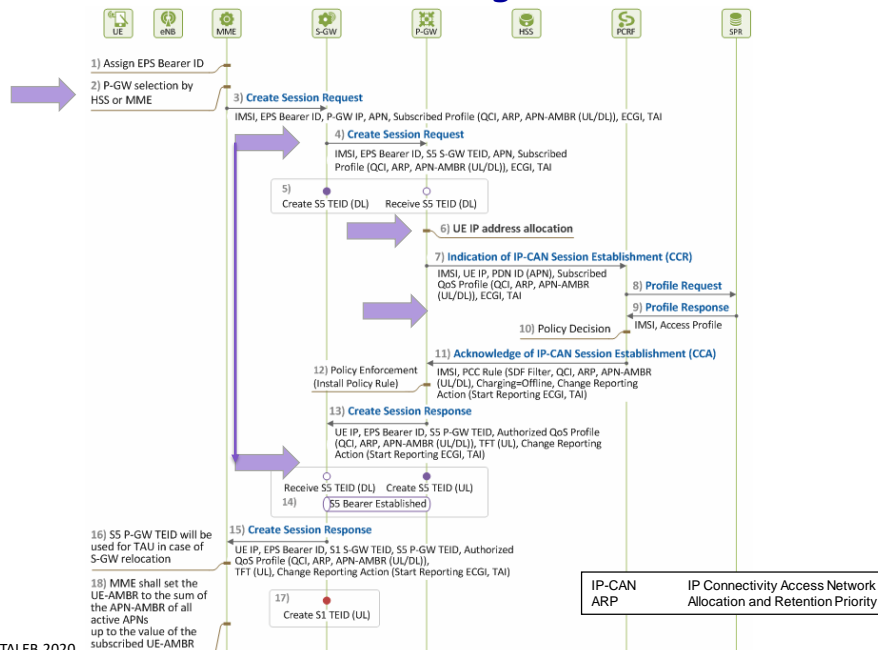


QCI: QoS Class Indicator
ARP: Allocation and Retention Priority
AMBR: Aggregate Maximum Bit Rates

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EPS Session Management (1/2)

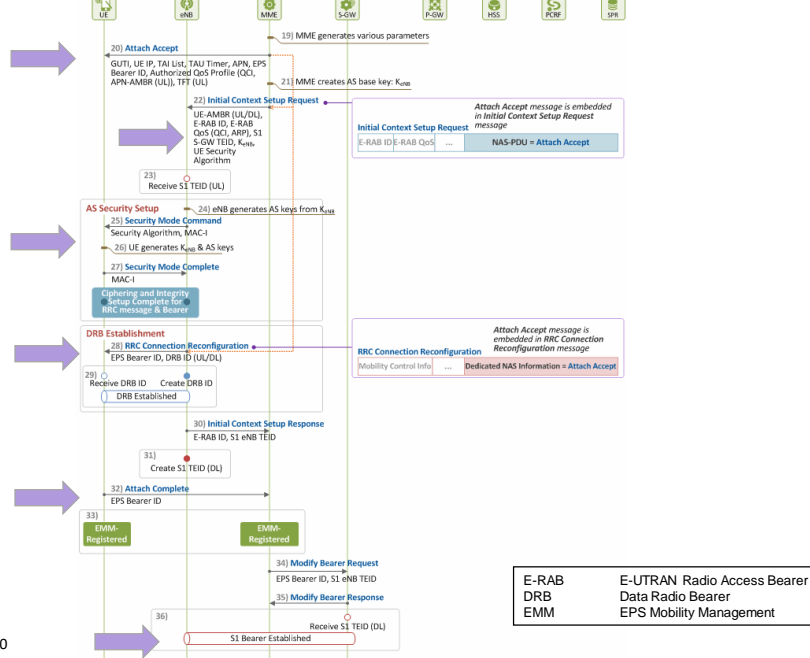


IP-CAN ARP IP Connectivity Access Network Allocation and Retention Priority

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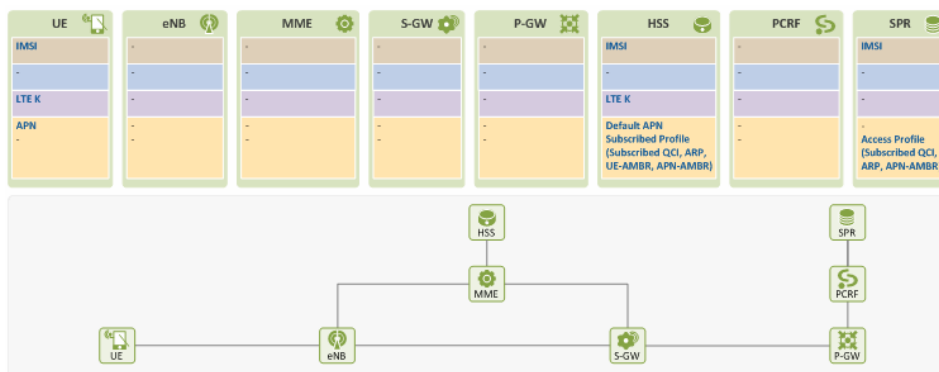
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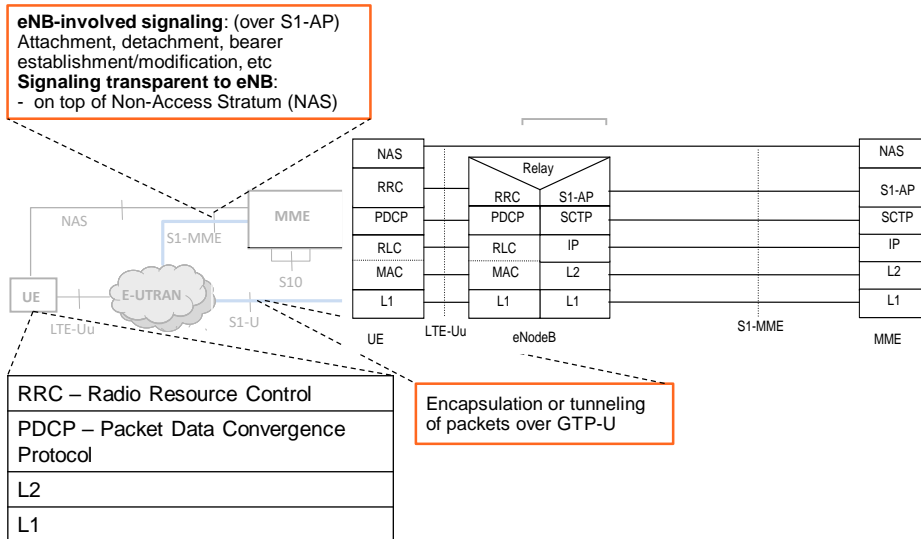
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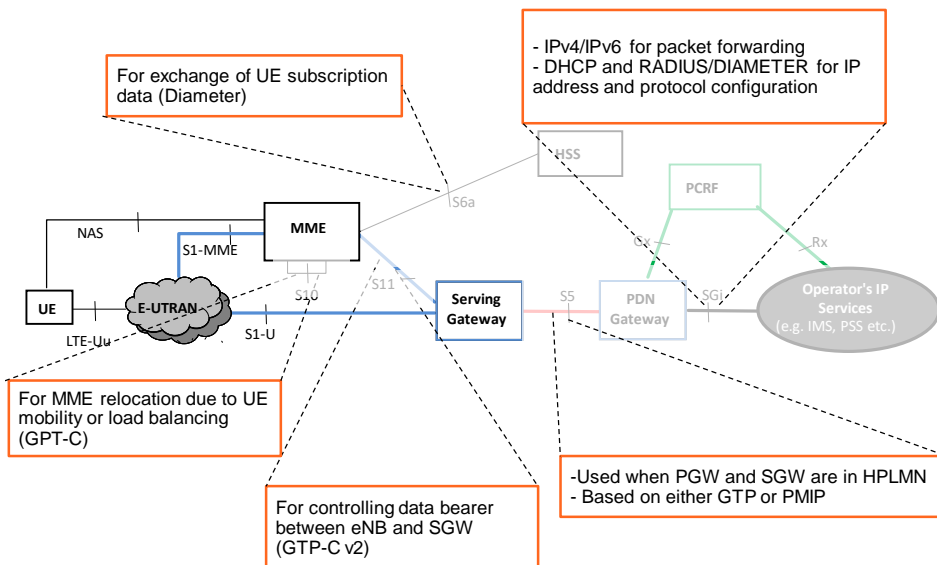
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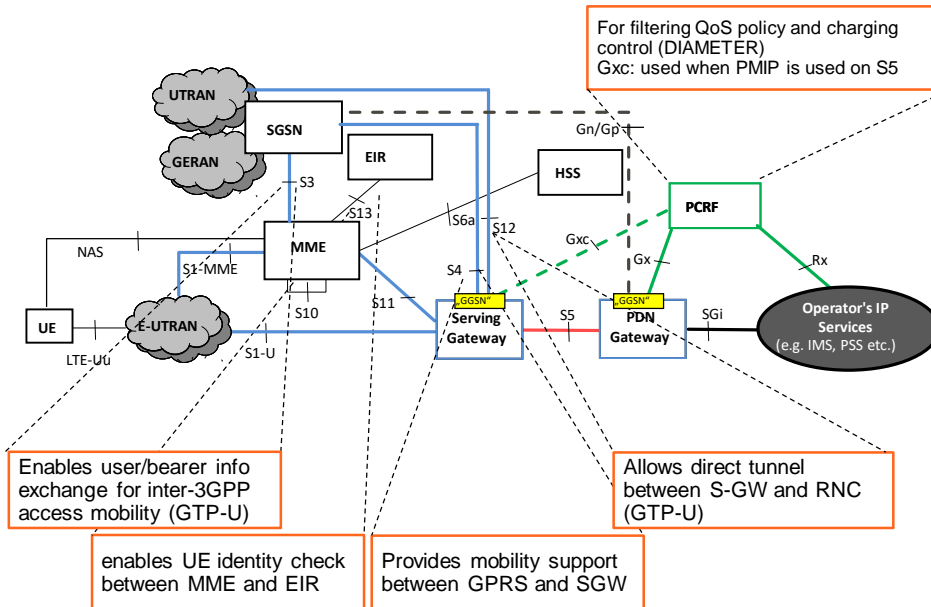
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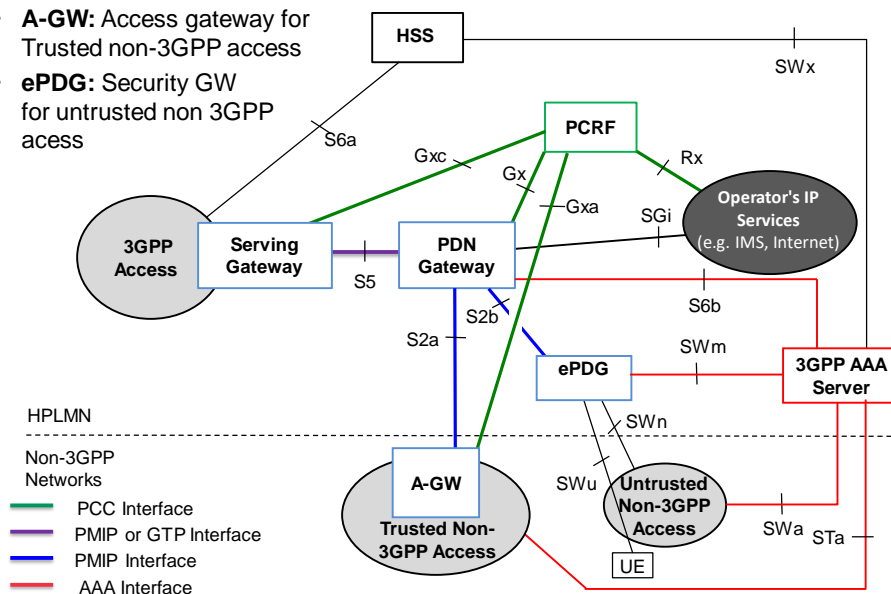


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EPS - Overview

- **A-GW:** Access gateway for Trusted non-3GPP access
- **ePDG:** Security GW for untrusted non 3GPP access

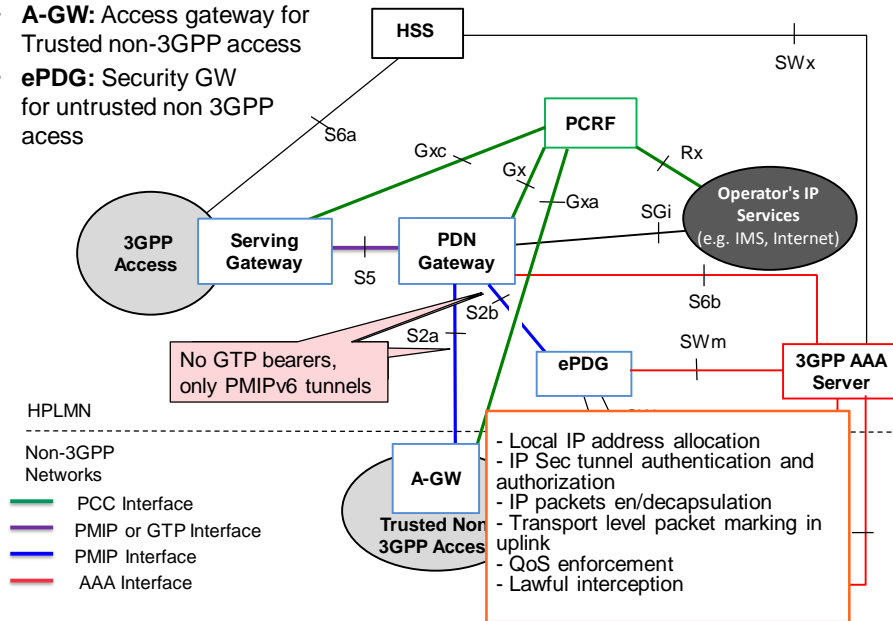


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EPS for non-3GPP Accesses

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Inter Access System Handover

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Service Continuity Support in EPC

- Two types of Service Continuity Support:
 - Mobility support within 3GPP networks (3GPP TS 23.401)
 - Mobility support between 3GPP and non-3GPP access systems (3GPP TS 23.402)
 - Network based mobility approach
 - Proxy Mobile IPv6 (PMIPv6)
 - Client based mobility approach
 - Dual-Stack Mobile IPv6 (DSMIPv6)

Which approach to adopt?

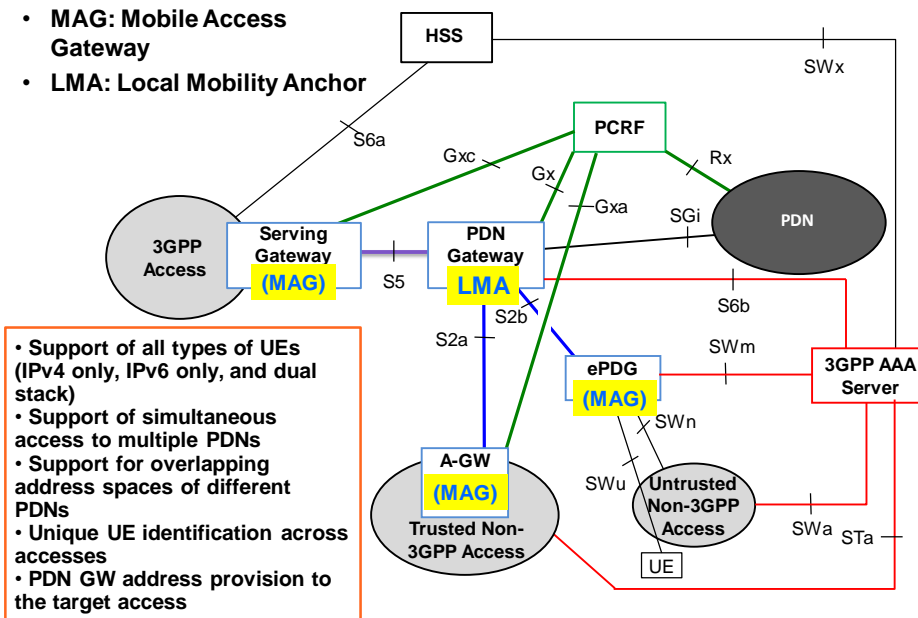
- No perceivable service interruption
- Minimized handover delay
- Efficient use of wireless resources
- Wireless link could be bottleneck
- Minimized UE involvement

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PMIP's main Entities

- MAG: Mobile Access Gateway**
- LMA: Local Mobility Anchor**



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Inter-Access System Mobility Flows

- **Non-optimized handover flows**
 - Source network not being involved
 - Suitable for dual radio capable terminals
- **Optimized handover flows**
 - Involving source network
 - Suitable for single radio terminals
 - Initially defined for mobility between CDMA2000 eHRPD and E-UTRAN

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Policy and Charging Control

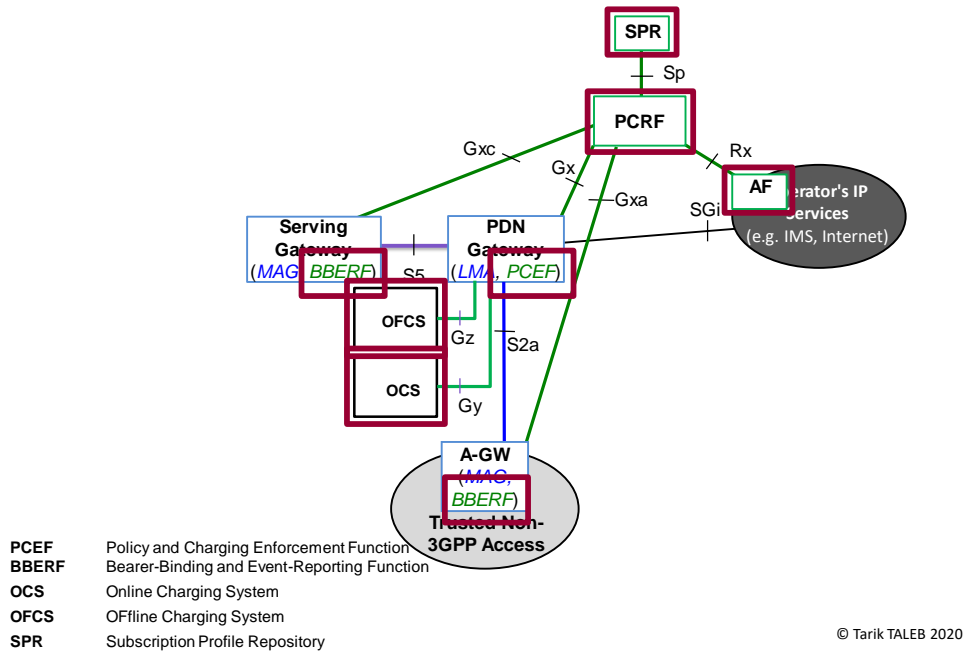
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PCC Interfaces and Protocols



PCC Key Components



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Subset of Available Parameters in the PCC Rule

Type of element	PCC rule element	Comment
Rule identification	Rule identifier	Used between PCRF and PCEF for referencing PCC rules
Items related to service data flow detection in PCEF	Service data flow template	List of packet filters for the detection of the service data flow
	Precedence	Determines the order in which the service data flow templates are applied at PCEF
Items related to policy control (i.e. gating and QoS control)	Gate status	Indicates whether a SDF may pass (gate open) or shall be discarded (gate closed)
	QoS class identifier (QCI)	Identifier that represents the packet forwarding behavior of a flow
	UL and DL maximum bit rates	The maximum bitrates authorized for the service data flow
	UL and DL guaranteed bit rates	The guaranteed bitrates authorized for the service data flow
Items related to charging control	Charging key	The charging system uses the charging key to determine the tariff to apply for the service data flow
	Charging method	Indicates the required charging method for the PCC rule. Values: online, offline, or no charging
	Measurement method	Indicates whether the SDF data volume, duration, combined volume/duration or event shall be measured

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PCC Architecture Types

- **On-Path Model:**
 - without BBERF in access gateway (in case of GTP)
 - QoS/bearer signaling (using GTP) on the same path as user plane
- **Off-Path Model:**
 - with BBERF in access gateway (in case of PMIP)
 - QoS signaling (using Gxa/Gxc) on a path different from that of user plane

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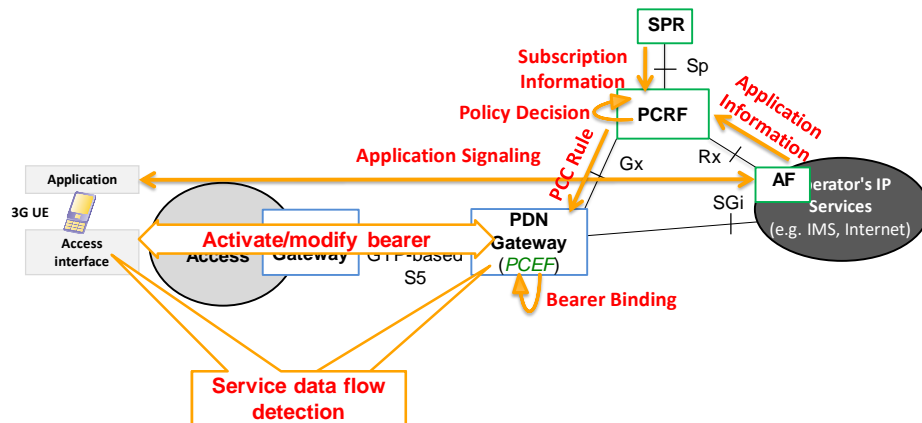
Basic PCC Concepts

- **Gating Control:**
 - Blocks or allows Service Data Flows (e.g. based on indicators from AF)
- **QoS Control:**
 - Provides PCEF with authorized QoS class and bit rates for IP flows
- **Charging Control:**
 - Online charging
 - Offline charging
 - NO charging

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Use Case: "On-Path" Model

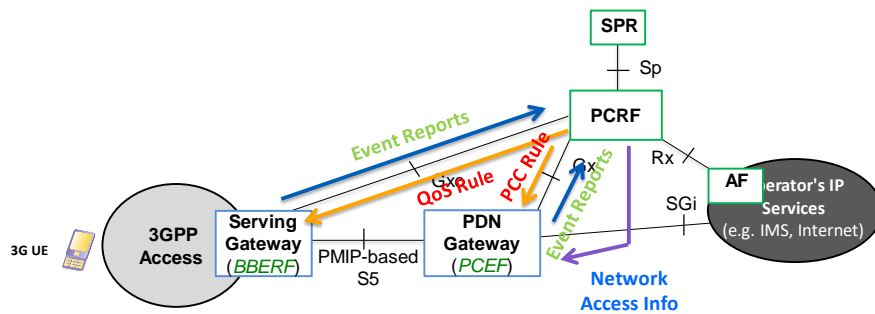


PCEF Policy and Charging Enforcement Function
BBERF Bearer-Binding and Event-Reporting Function
OCS Online Charging System
OFCS Offline Charging System
SPR Subscription Profile Repository

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Use Case: "Off-Path" Model



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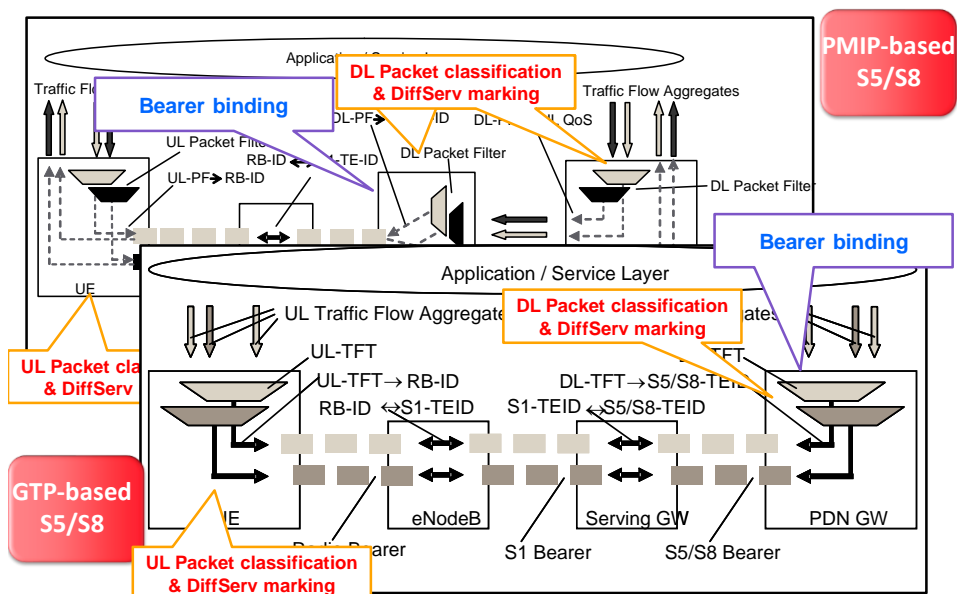
QoS and Policy Control

- QoS is enforced at the granularity of EPS bearers
 - UE \leftrightarrow PDN GW (for GTP-based EPC)
 - UE \leftrightarrow Serving GW (for PMIP-based EPC)
- An EPS bearer uniquely identifies traffic flows
 - Default Bearer
 - Dedicated Bearers (for flows requiring special QoS treatment)
- EPS bearer QoS profile:
 - QCI: QoS Class Indicator
 - ARP: Allocation and Retention Priority
 - GBR: Guaranteed Bit Rate

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QoS over IP Transport



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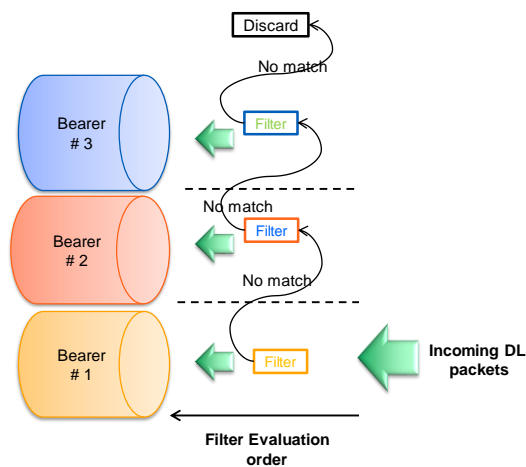
Bearer Binding

- Mapping a PCC rule to a corresponding QoS bearer
- Performed by Bearer-Binding Function (BBF)
 - in PCEF for on-path model
 - in BBERF for off-path model
- Upon receiving a new or modified PCC rule, BBF first verifies whether an existing bearer can be used
 - If yes, BBF modifies bearer by adjusting bearer's bit rates
 - If not, BBF sets up a new bearer

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Service Data Flow Detection



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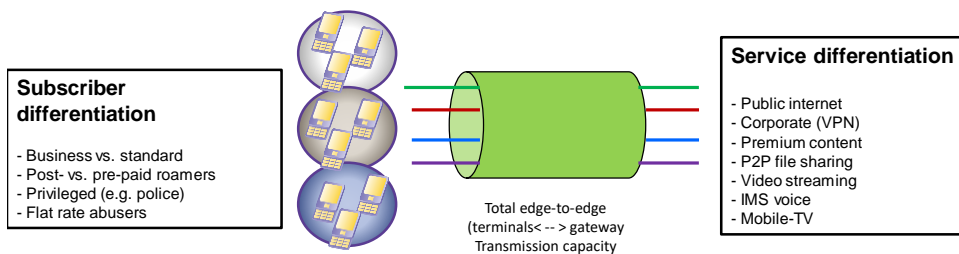


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QoS Control in EPS (using PCC)

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Service/Subscriber Differentiation



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EPS QoS Concept

- Bearer types
 - GBR vs. non-GBR bearers
 - Default vs. Dedicated Bearers
- QoS Parameters
 - QCI: QoS Class Indicator
 - 1 to 9:
 - QCI = 1 → Resource Type = GBR, Priority = 2, Packet Delay Budget = 100ms, Packet Error Loss Rate = 10⁻², Example Service = Voice
 - QCI = 9 → Resource Type = Non-GBR, Priority = 9, Packet Delay Budget = 300ms, Packet Error Loss Rate = 10⁻⁶, Example Service = Internet
 - ARP: Allocation and Retention Priority
 - In 4G, ARP priority level (PL) values range from 1 through 15, where 1 corresponds to the highest priority and 15 corresponds to the lowest priority.
 - Used to accept or reject a bearer request, when resources are limited
 - MBR: Maximum Bit Rates
 - GBR: Guaranteed Bit Rate
- QoS Mechanisms
 - Control Plane Signaling Procedures
 - User Plane Functions
 - Packet-Flow-Level Functions
 - Bearer-Level Functions
 - DSCP-Level Functions

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DSCP

Differentiated Service Code Point

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Bearer Types

- **Guaranteed bit-rate (GBR) bearer:**
 - Established “on demand”
 - No congestion due packet losses
 - Suitable for services tolerating “service blocking over service dropping”
- **Non-GBR bearer:**
 - No resources blocked
 - May experience packet losses
- **Default bearer:**
 - One default bearer per terminal IP address
 - For basic connectivity.
 - non-GBR
 - QoS level depending on subscription data
 - Not associated with any specific packet filter
- **Dedicated bearer:**
 - Either non-GBR or GBR
 - Packet flows mapping onto dedicated bearers based on operator policies

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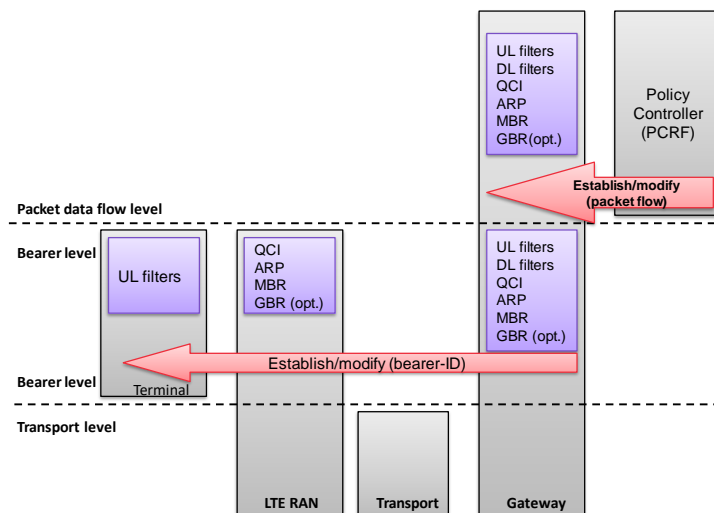
QoS Parameters

- **QoS Class Identifier (QCI):**
 - a reference to node-specific pre-configured parameters that control packet-forwarding treatment at the user plane
- **Allocation and Retention Priority (ARP)**
 - Specifies control plane treatment for bearers
- **Maximum Bit Rate (MBR)**
 - Bit rate traffic on a bearer may not exceed
- **Guaranteed Bit Rate (GBR)**
 - Bit rate that the network guarantees for a bearer
- **Aggregate Maximum Bit Rate (AMBR):**
 - Limit to the total amount of bit rates consumed by a single subscriber (excluding GBR bearers)
 - **UL/DL APN-AMBR:** defined per subscriber and APN and known only to the gateway
 - **UL/DL Terminal-AMBR:** defined per subscriber and known by both the gateway and RAN

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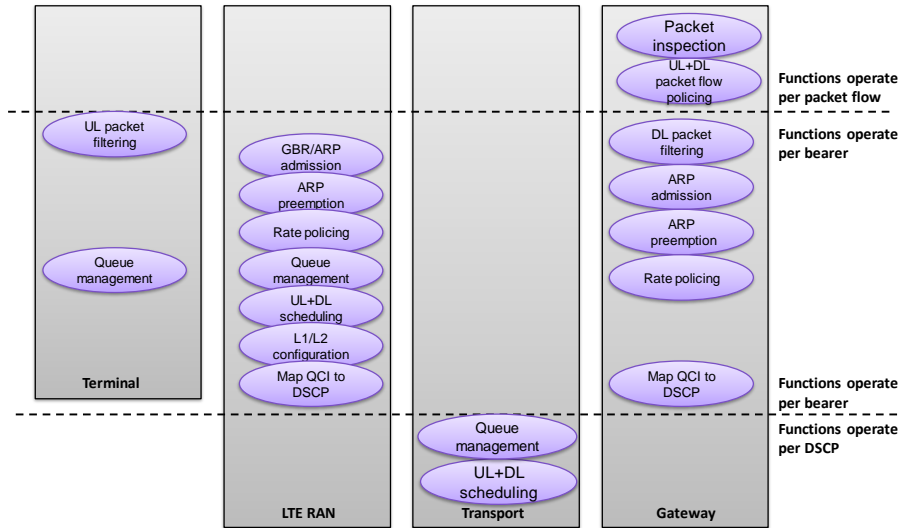
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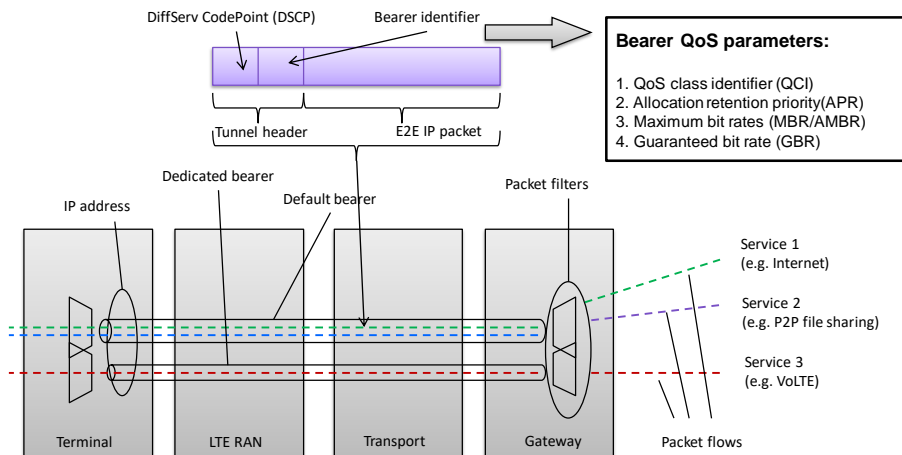
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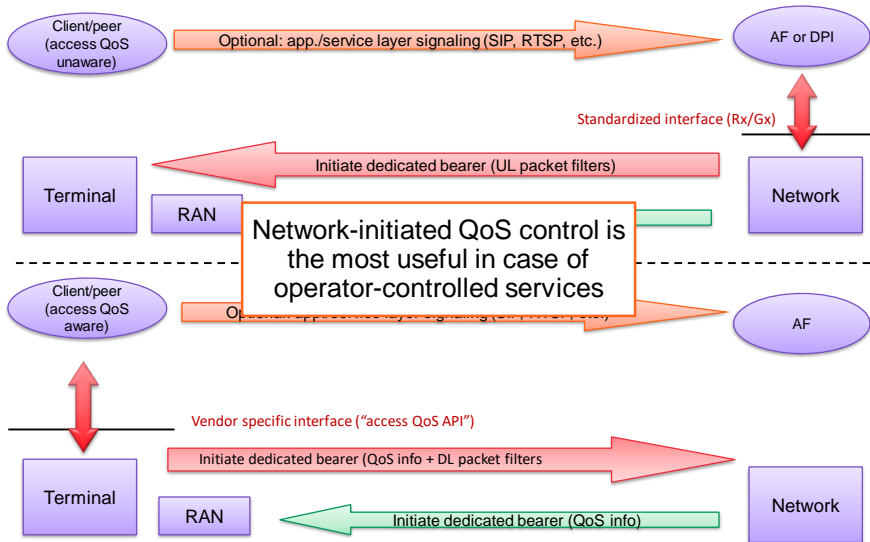
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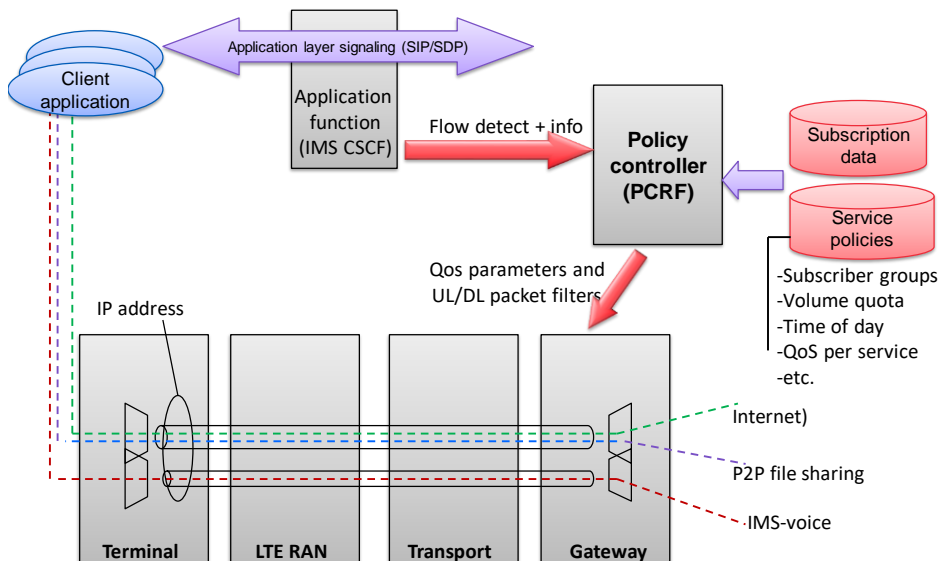
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Summing Up All: E2E Use Case



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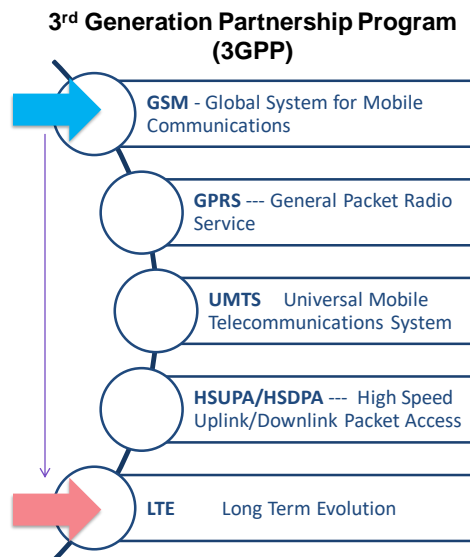


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Security: Authentication

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Authentication Evolution from GSM to LTE



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Authentication in brief

- Authentication
 - Establishing or confirming something (or someone) as authentic
 - **Mutual authentication**, means network authenticates the user and the user authenticates the network
- An important security function
 - Authorization
 - Integrity protection
 - Replay protection
 - Privacy
 - etc

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User Authentication

- PIN – Personal Identification Number
- PUK – PIN Unlocked Key – or PUC (Personal Unlock Code)

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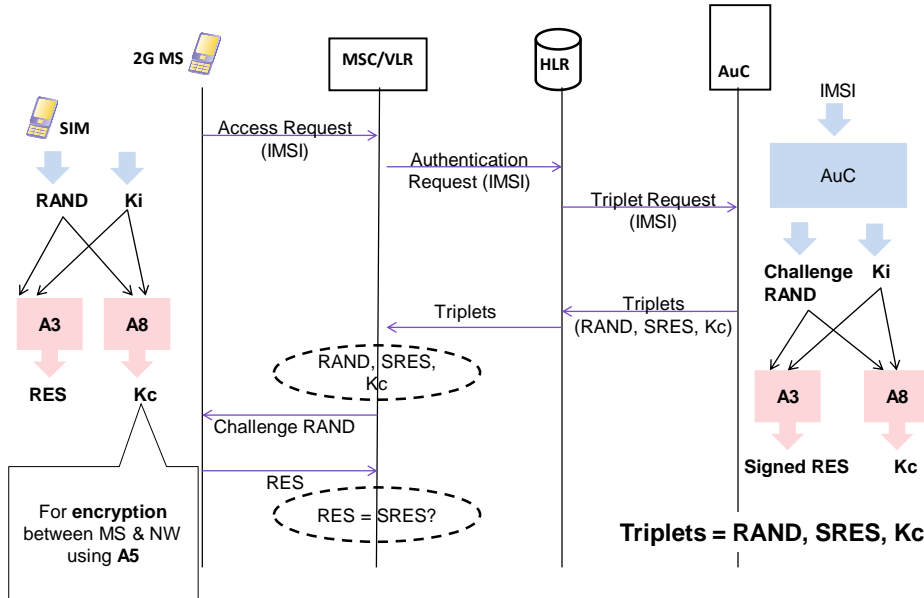
GSM Mobile Station

- Mobile Equipment (ME)
 - Physical mobile device
 - Identifiers
 - IMEI – International Mobile Equipment Identity
- Subscriber Identity Module (SIM)
 - Smart Card containing keys, identifiers and algorithms
 - Identifiers
 - **K_i** – Subscriber Authentication Key
 - **IMSI** – International Mobile Subscriber Identity
 - **TMSI** – Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity
 - **MSISDN** – Mobile Station International Service Digital Network
 - Authentication Algorithms (**A3**, **A8**)
 - Stream Ciphering/Encryption Algorithm (**A5**)
 - **PIN** – Personal Identity Number protecting a SIM
 - Others

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Authentication Flow in GSM



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GSM Authentication Principle

Challenge/response-based one-way authentication using long-term shared key between user's SIM card and NW



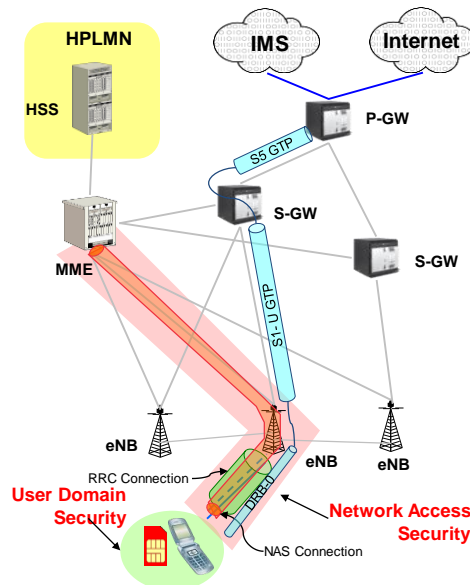
Mutual Authentication

Short-term key support

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Overall Architecture of Evolved Packet System



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LTE User Equipment

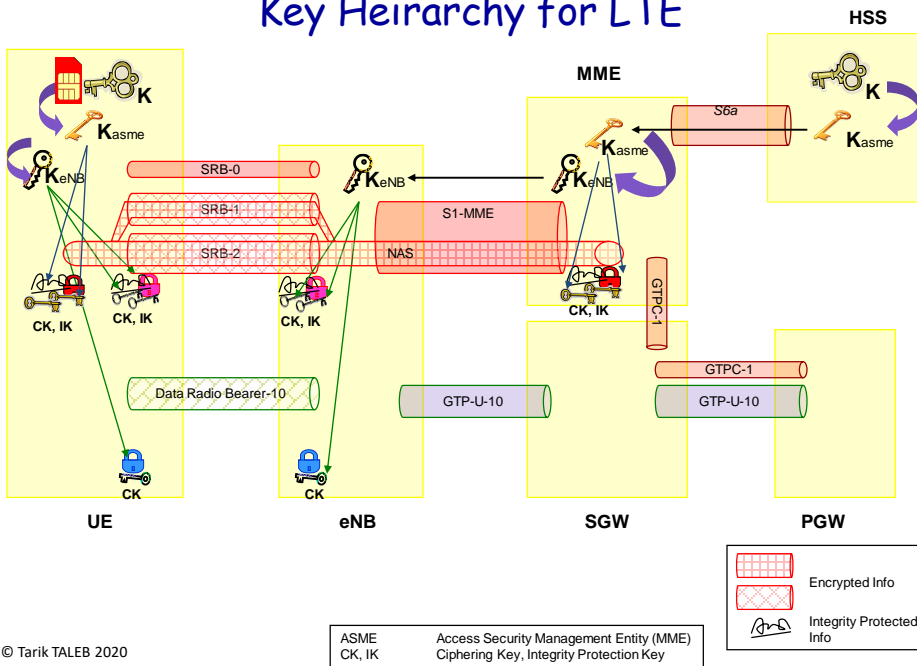
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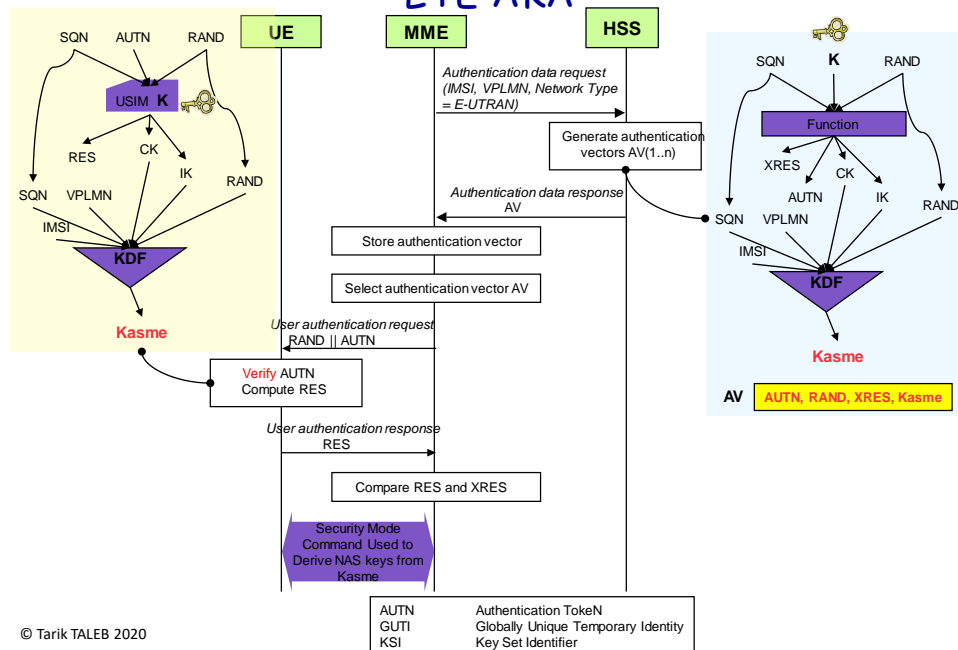
Key Hierarchy for LTE



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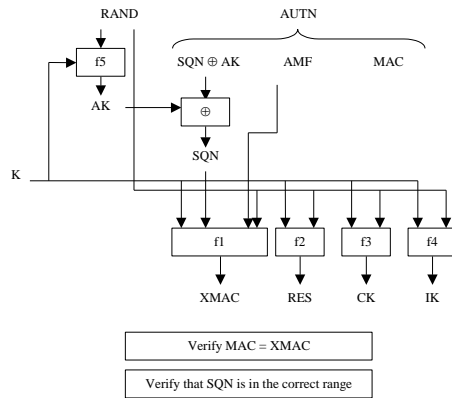
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User authentication function in the USIM



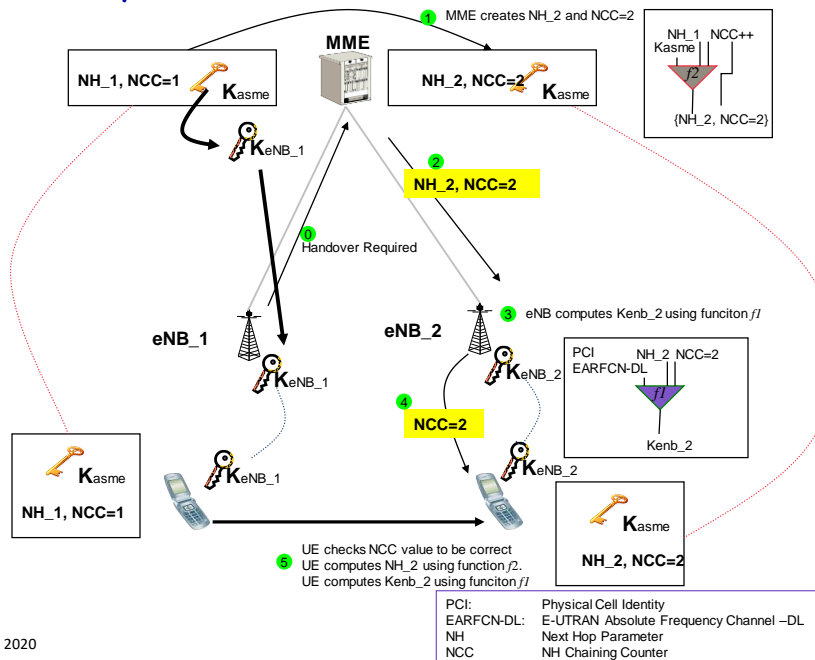
- USIM keeps track of last SQN received, SQNms
- USIM only accepts a sequence number from HSS if $|SQN - SQNms| < \Delta$

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AUTN	Authentication Token
AMF	Authentication management field
SQN	Sequence Number
AK	Anonymity Key
MAC	Message Authentication Code

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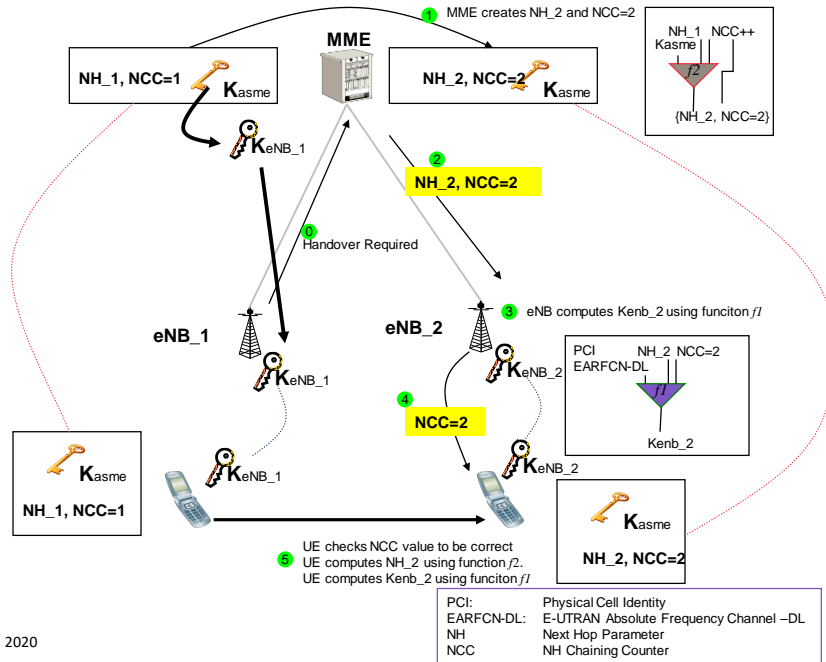
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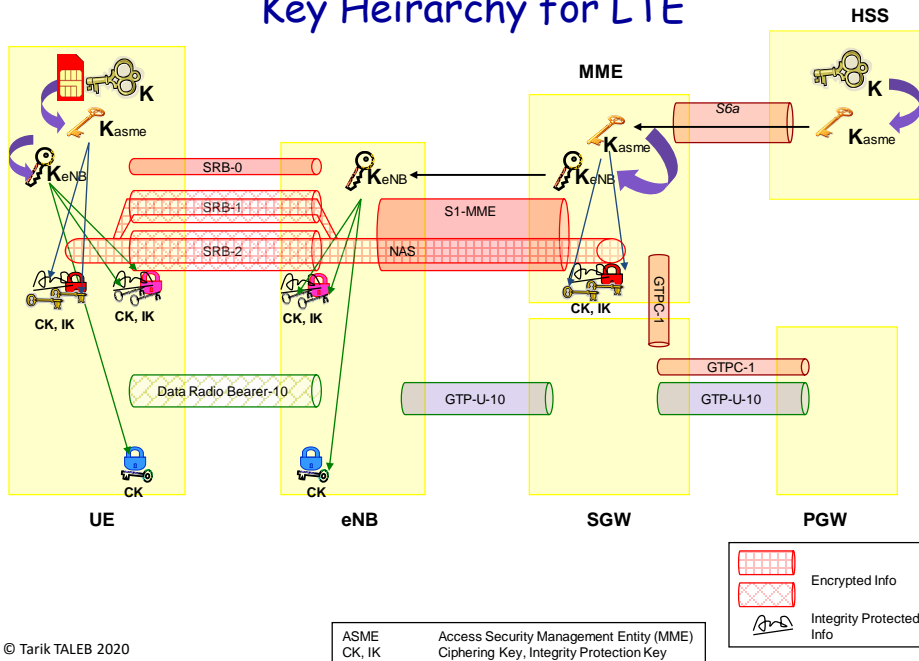
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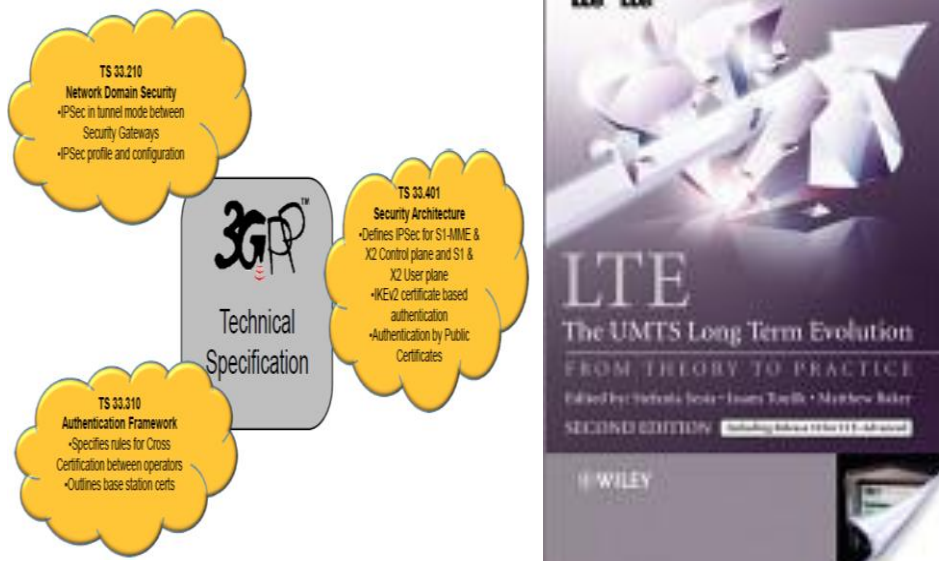
Summary

- Authentication in GSM
 - Challenge response based
 - One-way
 - Long term key
- Authentication in LTE (EPS)
 - Challenge-response based
 - Mutual authentication
 - Hierarchical involving many NW nodes (HSS, MME, and eNB)
 - Dynamic key derivation

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Summary - Part I

- Migration scenarios from legacy NWs to EPS
- LTE Requirements & History
- EPS Architecture, Components, and Protocols

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